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**National Mapping Division**

**SUBJECT**

Abbreviations for State and Province Names.

**BACKGROUND**

Abbreviations for United States names shown on National Mapping Program maps are incorporated in the Topographic Instructions, Chapter 4I2 DRAFT, dated January 1980. One of the sources for compiling this list was the Government Printing Office (GPO) style manual, dated 1973. The approved abbreviations were of variable length and format (e.g., D.C., Ariz., Ky., and S. Dak.). Canada Province and Mexico State names have also been abbreviated in this format.

The 1984 GPO style manual specifies the use of two-letter State name abbreviations as the preferred method.

**INSTRUCTIONS**

Use two-letter State name abbreviations on maps within the United States as listed in the 1984 GPO style manual. When map detail is shown in Canada Provinces or Mexico States, use the appropriate abbreviations listed below for Province or State names.

CANADA PROVINCES: Newfoundland-Nfld., Prince Edward Island-PEI, Nova Scotia-NS, New Brunswick-NB, Quebec-Que., Ontario-Ont., Manitoba-Man., Saskatchewan-Sask., Alberta-Alta., British Columbia-BC, Yukon Territory-YT, Northwest Territories-NWT.

MEXICO STATES: Baja California-B.C., Chihuahua-Chih., Coahuila-Coah., Nuevo Leon-N.L., Sonora-Son., Tamaulipas-Tam.

These abbreviations for Canadian Provinces and Mexican States do not apply to digital products.

**APPLIES TO**

All National Mapping Division Map Products.

ISSUED TO

EDC, MAC, MCMC, RMMC, and WMC.

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